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C. Thomas Keegel, Treasurer

Democrat Republican Independent Voter

Education

35 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20001

Identification Number: C00032979

Reference: June Monthly Report (5/1/02-5/31/02)

Dear Mr. Keegel:

This letter is to inform you that as of March 27, 2003, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated March 5, 2003. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

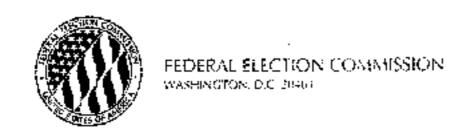
An adequate response must be received at the Commission by April 16, 2003. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Antoinette Kitchen on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division



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Dear Mr. Keegel:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's pteliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a receipt(s) from an organization(s) that is not registered with the Commission. 2 U.S.C. §441b prohibits the receipt of funds from national banks, corporations, and labor organizations. Under 11 CFR §102.6, however, certain entities may serve as collecting agents for the purpose of transmitting contributions to a separate segregated fund. A collecting agent may be, but is not limited to, a committee which is affiliated with the separate segregated fund; the connected organization; or a local, national, or international union.

Funds received from a collecting agent are to be attributed to the original contributors and should be disclosed according to the requirements of 11 CFR §104.3(a). If the amounts in question were contributed by individuals and transmitted to your committee by a collecting agent, the activity should be included on Line 11(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page. Any contribution from an individual exceeding \$200 in the aggregate during the calendar year should be itemized on a supporting Schedule A. Collecting agents need not be identified on your report.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

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If you have received funds from an entity which was not serving as a collecting agent, you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR 103.3(b)(!).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee in transferring-out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

-The totals listed on Lines 23 and 29, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule A of your report discloses aggregate year-to-date totals for contributions received from individuals which appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that federal regulations require aggregate year-to-date totals to include only those contributions which are received during the calendar year. In the event that the aggregate year-to-date total is correct, please note that federal regulations also require the disclosure of all contributions received from individuals who have contributed over \$200. 11 CFR §104.3(a)(4) Please amend your report to provide the correct aggregate year-to-date totals.

-Commission Regulations require that a committee disclose the identification of all individuals who contribute in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i)) Identification for an individual is

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defined as the full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer. (11 CFR §100.12) Your report discloses contributions from individuals for which the identification is not complete.

You must provide the missing information, or if you are unable to do so, you must demonstrate that "best efforts" have been used to obtain the information. To establish "best efforts," you must provide the Commission with a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. Establishing "best efforts" is a three-fold process.

First, your original solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information and must inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information. (11 CFR §104.7(b)(1))

Second, if the information is not provided, you must make one follow-up, stand alone effort to obtain this information, regardless of whether the contribution(s) was solicited or not. This effort must occur no later than 30 days after receipt of the contribution and may be in the form of a written request or an oral request documented in writing. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(2)) The request must:

- clearly ask for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution;
- inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information, and
- if the request is written, include a pre-addressed post card or return envelope.

Third, if you receive contributor information after the contribution(s) has been reported, you shall either a) file with your next regularly scheduled report, an amended memo Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received; or b) file on or before your next regularly scheduled reporting date, amendments to the report(s) originally disclosing the contribution(s). (11 CFR §104.7(b)(4))

Please provide the missing information or a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. For more information on demonstrating "best efforts," please refer to the Campaign Guide.

-Schedule A supporting Line I i(a)(i) of your report discloses contributions received through what appears to be a payroll deduction plan. Please amend your report to disclose the amount and frequency of the deductions.

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11 CFR §104.8(b) Please refer to the enclosed sample of properly reported payrell deductions.

-Your report disclosed certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. "Debts and obligations owed to the committee" and "operating expenditures" should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) D and B, supporting Line(s) 9 and 21(b), respectively of the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages. Please refer to the instructions for each Schedule when determining the proper categorization.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Antoinette Kitchen

Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

Reports Analysis Division

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### Payroll Deductions

Once an Individual's deductions aggregate over \$200 in a calendar year, report the total amount deducted from the denor's paychecks during the reporting period on Schedule A. In parentheses Indicate the amount that was deducted. each pay period, instead of stating a specific date of receipt, type "payroll deduction" under "Date." The other itemized information, including the year-to-date total, must be completed for each donor. 104.8(b).

EXAMPLE: During an election year, e corporate manager authorizes her emplayer to deduct \$15 per pay period (each pay period is two weeks) for the company's SSF. The SSF, which files FEC reports on a quarterly schedule. Includes the manager's first-quarter contributtons (\$90 for six pay gerfods) es "uniternized contributions" on Line 11(a)(8) in the April quarterly report.

By June 30 (the closing data for the July quarterly report), 13 pay periods have passed, and the manager's aggregate contributions are \$195-atili below the \$200 Itemization threshold. The manager's second-quarter contributions again are included to "unitemized contribitutions" in the July report.

By September 30 (the closing date for the October quarterly report), 19 pay pariods have passed, and the manager's contributions reach \$265. Now the committee itemizes the total contributions reosived from the manager during the third quarter (590), providing the year-to-date total in the appropriate space. (See Item A in the Illustration above.)